

and shall be so returned to the court, unless the party, or his agent, will receive the land or effects at the appraisement, in which case the sheriff shall convey and deliver the same to the party, or his agent, and make his return accordingly,

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XXIV.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, If the said trustees, Osgood Hanbury, Sylvanus Grove and James Russell, or either of them, have delivered or shall deliver the said bank stock to the trustees, or any one of them, appointed by the act of this state to receive the same, or shall pay the bills drawn in virtue of this act, that in such case the value of so much of their property within this state as they shall pay, shall not at any time hereafter be taken or confiscated for the use of this state, for any cause, but the same shall be preserved, and delivered to them or their factors or agents.

If stock is delivered, property not to be confiscated, &c.

VII. AND, In case the bills directed as aforesaid to be sold shall not be disposed of within thirty days from the passing of this act, then and in such case, BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the governor and council, and they are hereby authorized and requested, to cause bills of credit, of the denomination of dollars, to the amount and value of the balance of the said thirty thousand pounds sterling, (estimating each dollar at the rate and of the value of four shillings and six-pence sterling,) to be printed and struck, with all convenient speed, under the care and direction of such two persons as they shall appoint, in the manner and form following, to wit: "This bill of \_\_\_\_\_ shall entitle the bearer hereof to receive specie, or bills of exchange, at the rate of four shillings and six-pence sterling per dollar for the said bill, with an interest of five per cent. according to an act of assembly of the state of Maryland, made the eighth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty;" and the said bills of credit shall be struck on such plates, and printed with such devices and marks to prevent counterfeits, as the governor and council shall direct; and the number and denomination of the said bills shall be ascertained and determined by the governor and council, and the printer (and all his apprentices and servants,) employed in the printing of the said bills, shall severally first take an oath, faithfully and honestly to perform their duty, and that they will not advisedly print or stamp a greater number of blank bills, or of any other denomination, than directed by the governor and council, except only such sheets as may be blotted, unfair or imperfect, in the printing or striking thereof, and unfit for use, which blotted, unfair or imperfect sheets, shall be immediately destroyed.

Bills of credit may be printed, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the printer shall not, by himself, his servants, or any other person employed, print or strike, stitch or bind, the said bills, or any of them, but in the presence of one or both the persons appointed supervisors, and in every intermission of the work, the supervisors shall safely and securely lock up the press and stamps with which the work shall be performed, and the impressions which shall be then made, in the room in which the printing and binding shall be done, and the keys of such room shall keep in their possession; and when all the said bills shall be struck, the plates shall immediately be delivered by the printer to the treasurer of the western shore, to be by him safely kept; and the said supervisors shall, from time to time, as the said bills shall be printed, struck, stitched and bound, deliver the same to the treasurer of the western shore, to be by him delivered out to the signers in such quantity as he shall think proper.

In presence of a supervisor, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council may appoint any number of persons, not exceeding six, to be signers of the said bills, and each bill shall be numbered and signed by some two of the said persons, and afterwards returned to the treasurer, and each signer shall be allowed at the rate of twelve shillings and six-pence for every thousand bills by him numbered and signed, payable in the said bills of credit.

Signers to be appointed, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bills of credit shall be redeemed on or before the first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, in specie, or by bills of exchange payable in Europe at forty days sight, and this general assembly pledge the faith of this state for the redemption of the said bills, on or before the said first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six.

Bills to be redeemed, &c.

XI. AND, as a specific fund, IT IS ENACTED, that the stock in the bank of England, or the money arising from the sale of the same, if sold in virtue of the act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly, or if that cannot be had, that so much of the property within this state belonging to any subject of Great-Britain as may be necessary, shall be liable and answerable, and is hereby pledged to the holders or possessors of the said bills, for the redemption of them within the time and agreeable to this act.

Stock, &c. liable, &c.